GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CASES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether verdicts in more than fifty percent of cases filed by the Pollution Control Boards regarding air and water pollution have been given against the Board during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; (

(c) whether the Government have made any review in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): During the last three years, decisions in 529 cases have been delivered under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 of which 278 decisions have been given in favour of the Pollution Control Boards and remaining 251 cases were decided against the Boards.

(c) & (d): The Union Government periodically reviews the enforcement of the various environmental laws. The last Ministerial level meeting was held at Coimbatore on 29-30 January, 2001 and official level meeting was held recently in New Delhi on 12th November, 2001.